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Applicant(s): NAKAGAWA, et al.

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For: PERPENDICULAR MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIA AND
MAGNETIC STORAGE APPARATUS USING THE SAME

Group: 1773

Examiner: K. Bernatz

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

July 23, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 24, 2003, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims presently in the application as follows:

2. (Amended) The perpendicular magnetic recording medium according
to claim 1, wherein said first layer is a multilayer film including the amorphous alloy
layer containing the rare earth metals and the 3d transition metals as the main
component and other layers.

3. (Amended) The perpendicular magnetic recording medium according
to claim 2, wherein said multilayer film is one composed of the amorphous alloy